

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 remain in the application with claims 1-3 having been cancelled hereby, without prejudice or disclaimer.

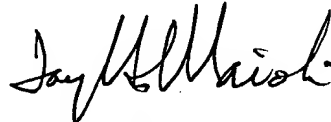
In a previous telephone conversation with the examiner a provisional election was made to prosecute claims 1-3. Contrary to the examiner's statement, however, that provisional election was made with traverse since the undersigned stated that the inventors had not been contacted regarding the telephone restriction.

Therefore, by reason of the cancellation of claims 1-3 applicants have effectively elected claims 4-6 for prosecution in this application.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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